



**MAYOR'S INDIGENOUS ADVISORY CIRCLE  
MEETING NOTES**

**September 14, 2021**

**Meeting called to order at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Brian Bowman  
Elder Lucy Guiboche  
Elder Norman Meade  
Councillor Sherri Rollins  
Councillor John Orlikow  
Ry Moran  
Alan Greyeyes  
Dee Thomas-Hart  
Manley A. Begay Jr.  
Damon Johnston

**REGRETS:**

Kimberley Puhach, Chairperson  
Elder Harry Bone  
Elder Mae Louise Campbell  
Dr. Cindy Blackstock  
Dr. Phil Fontaine  
Sean McCormick  
Jessica Dumas

**WINNIPEG PUBLIC SERVICE:**

Tricia Chestnut, Senior Policy Analyst, Mayor's Office  
Cecil Sveinson, Manager, Indigenous Relations Division  
Sherwood Armbruster, Special Projects Manager, City Clerk's Department

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** December 13, 2021

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Call to Order</b></li> <li>• <b>Opening Prayer by Elder Lucy Guiboche</b></li> <li>• <b>Review and Acceptance of Notes of June 9, 2021 Meeting</b></li> </ul>		
1	<b>Mayor's Update</b>	<p>Mayor Bowman acknowledged members in attendance and expressed gratitude for the recent gathering for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Accord signing ceremony.</p> <p>The Indigenous Accord has 39 new partners and community feedback has been very positive.</p> <p>As we enter the fourth wave of the pandemic, the Mayor thanked members for their leadership in promoting good information and safety in following public health orders within the community in order to protect children and vulnerable residents.</p> <p>On September 8, 2021, the Mayor attended the Bishop Grandin Renaming ceremony. The wisdom and personal stories shared by Elders and youth in attendance were powerful and moving. A Naming Circle is in place to provide input in the form of a recommended name in a report to Council.</p> <p>On September 15, 2021, the City of Winnipeg will be raising flags representing Treaty One First Nations, Dakota Nations and the Metis Nation on new, permanent flag poles as a symbol of respect and solidarity. Our words, symbols and recognition matter as we mark another milestone in our community to properly build relationships with Indigenous governments and people.</p> <p>On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the City of Winnipeg will formally recognize the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation by closing non-essential offices and lowering flags. The City will encourage employees to wear orange on September 29, 2021 and reflect on how we can all contribute to reconciliation.</p>
4	<b>Indigenous Relations Division Update</b>  <b>- Bishop Grandin Renaming</b>  <b>- Winnipeg Indigenous Accord</b>	<p>Cecil Sveinson, Indigenous Relations Division, provided an update on the Bishop Grandin Renaming, Winnipeg's Indigenous Accord, and Welcoming Winnipeg.</p> <p>The recent Bishop Grandin Renaming ceremony reflected the fact that Indigenous tradition focuses more on people than process.</p> <p>There are now 201 signatories to the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord, including 39 new partners.</p>

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	<b>- Welcoming Winnipeg</b>	<p>Welcoming Winnipeg continues to meet monthly. The first request through the Welcoming Winnipeg process was approved by City Council in July, 2021. Further recommendations are anticipated to proceed to Council for approval in September, 2021.</p> <p>Please see attached presentation for the full Indigenous Relations Division report.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>New Business</b>	<p>Damon Johnston raised the importance of the Indigenous Relations Division within the City of Winnipeg and community. He noted that political cycles are four years, but the community lives with long-term consequences of decisions.</p> <p>Specifically, the acute situation of criminal activity and vandalism at the Thunderbird House and neighbouring area is a direct result of the humanitarian crisis of homelessness and drug poisoning in our City. A coalition is ready to launch and needs the cooperation and support of the City in order to take immediate action.</p> <p>Ensuing discussion noted that new provincial leadership and the federal election creates a new opportunity for levels of government to work together in taking action. Relationships are built with Indigenous community leaders and people, one-on-one. Damon Johnson will be meeting with Minister Gordon this afternoon as addictions and mental health issues are at the root of homelessness. As we address these underlying issues, we must go forward together.</p> <p>Elder Meade expressed the importance of a full plan and program funding for use of the Thunderbird House's currently vacant space - day and night. The funding must flow where it is needed in the same way that "green grass grows when the water flows there".</p>
<b>Closing Prayer by Elder Norman Meade</b>		
<b>Adjournment and Dates of Next Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 10 a.m., December 13, 2021</li></ul>	